

IC 33-33-30

Chapter 30. Hancock County

IC 33-33-30-1

Judicial circuit

Sec. 1. Hancock County constitutes the eighteenth judicial circuit.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-2

Establishment of standard superior courts

Sec. 2. (a) There are established two (2) superior courts of record to be known as the Hancock superior court No. 1 and the Hancock superior court No. 2.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each Hancock superior court is a standard superior court as described in IC 33-29-1.

(c) Hancock county comprises the judicial district of each court.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-3

Judges; election

Sec. 3. (a) IC 33-29-1-3 does not apply to this section.

(b) Each of court consists of one (1) judge who holds office for six (6) years, beginning on January 1 after the judge's election and until the judge's successor is elected and qualified. Every six (6) years, the voters of Hancock County shall elect at the general election a judge for each superior court.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-4

Location of court sessions

Sec. 4. Hancock superior court No. 1 and Hancock superior court No. 2 shall each hold sessions in the Hancock County courthouse in Greenfield.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-5

Powers

Sec. 5. In addition to the powers described in IC 33-29-1-4, the judges of Hancock superior court No. 1 and Hancock superior court No. 2 may make and adopt rules and regulations for conducting the business of Hancock superior court No. 1 and Hancock superior court No. 2 and have all the powers incident to a court of record in relation to the attendance of witnesses, punishment of contempt, and the enforcement of the courts' orders. The judge of each superior court may make and execute certificates of qualification and moral character of persons petitioning to be commissioned as notaries public.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-6

Transfer of actions and proceedings

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of any statute applying generally to superior or circuit courts, a judge of the:

- (1) Hancock circuit court;
- (2) Hancock superior court No. 1; or
- (3) Hancock superior court No. 2;

may transfer an action or proceeding from the Hancock circuit court or a Hancock superior court to the Hancock circuit court or another Hancock superior court with the consent of the judge of the court that would receive the action or proceeding.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-7**Change of venue**

Sec. 7. (a) Change of venue from the judge or from the county may be had under the same terms, conditions, and procedure applicable to changes of venue from the judge or the county in circuit courts.

(b) If a cause is received by the clerk of the Hancock circuit court on change of venue from another county, the cause may be docketed in either the Hancock circuit court, Hancock superior court No. 1, or Hancock superior court No. 2, under rules adopted by the judges of the Hancock circuit court, Hancock superior court No. 1, and Hancock superior court No. 2, unless otherwise provided in the order, report of striking, or entry made in the cause in the county from which the change of venue was taken, in which case it shall be docketed as provided in the entry, report, or order.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-8**Jury commissioners; juries**

Sec. 8. Each superior court shall, during each calendar year, appoint for the next calendar year two (2) persons who are residents of Hancock County as jury commissioners. The law concerning jury commissioners appointed by the circuit court govern the jury commissioners as appointed by each superior court in all things, conditions, and qualifications. The jury commissioners shall prepare and draw the petit jury for each superior court as the law directs the same to be done by the jury commissioners for the circuit court. Each superior court is governed by the law in the making of appointments of the jury commissioners, and the clerk in issuing process for the jury and the sheriff in serving the process is governed by the law made for petit jurors in the circuit court. Each superior court may order on what day of the term the jurors are summoned to attend court and the judge of each court may order the selection and summoning of other jurors for the court whenever it is necessary.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-9**Jurisdiction**

Sec. 9. Hancock superior court No. 1 and Hancock superior court No. 2 have the same jurisdiction as the Hancock circuit court.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-30-10

Small claims and misdemeanor division

Sec. 10. Hancock superior court No. 2 has a standard small claims and misdemeanor division.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.